Potential of Petroleum Production in North-East Region

1270. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAM NARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the north-east region alone can remove the shortage in indigenous petroleum production in the country before the end of the present century; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Considering the highly probablistic nature of oil exploration, it will not be possible at this stage to say, with any certitude, as to whether north-east region can remove the shortage of indigenous petroleum production in the country.

Prices of Actidil Tablet, etc.

1271. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Actidil tablets have gone up by more than 250 per cent, Marzine tablets by 125 per cent, Neosporin eye drops by more than 100 per cent, Aminophylline tablets by more than 180 per cent and Dilosyn Expectorant by more than 125 per cent since the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, what was the price of each of these medicines before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price along with percentage increase in each case; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that all these medicines were under price control under DPCO, 1979 and have been exempted from price control under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The required details, to the extent available, are given in the attached statement. (See below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Sr. No.	Name of the Product	Pack Size	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Revised Price (Rs.)	% increase
1	Actidil Tablet	10's	2.51	4.85	93.2
2	Neosporin Eye Drops	10ml Vial	4.98	10.02	102.6
3	Aminophylline Tablets	1000's	51.74	147.50	185.1
4	Dilosyn Expectorant	120 ml	5.03	9.53	89.5
5	Do.	450 ml	13.61	27.74	103.8